

COLLEGE HORIZONS

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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College Pride, Native Pride

Welcome from Board Vice President

Dear Friends, Family, and Supporters,

On behalf of the College Horizons Board, I want to thank you for your continued support and engagement making “College Pride, Native Pride” stronger than ever. We are in a moment where the idea of pride in one’s cultural heritage might be misunderstood. Let me try to address both parts of “College Pride, Native Pride.” Now, more than ever, young people have an opportunity to have college serve as a pathway to their dreams and the dreams of their families and communities. Higher education is increasingly under attack, and yet we know that those who attend and graduate from college live longer, are healthier physically and emotionally, and are economically stronger in not only their lifetime, but their children and grandchildren see significant financial benefit.

Speaking of benefits, college—higher education more broadly—makes society better for everyone. Research at universities makes roads and airways safer and more organized, it makes the air we breathe and the water we drink cleaner and healthier, it allows humans to live longer and better. That research allows us to make the lands on which we live better, and it creates the possibilities for more vibrant art and music. College is great for individuals, families, communities and the world. College Horizons is one way that Indigenous peoples and communities are finding ways to thrive in college.

Native pride is about having a firm feeling for one’s connections to place and other peoples in our communities. There is overwhelming evidence that suggests when young people are connected to their cultural selves they are healthier—both mentally and physically---they thrive in schools, and they are better citizens of the world. The pride is internal and connective; it is not rooted in dislike of others. Native pride is a source of strength, because it creates belonging and unity.

The team at College Horizons has a singular focus to care for students and create possibilities for lives that young people choose to make. By extension, when young people thrive, the lands and waters on which they live thrive, their communities thrive, and the world thrives. This is good work. It is work that matters. I’m grateful to the staff for their hard work and dedication and for your partnership in the effort.

I wish you all the very best in the coming year.



**DR. BRYAN MCKINLEY JONES
BRAYBOY**
CH BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

WHO WE ARE

College Horizons (CH) is a national non-profit organization based in New Mexico located on the homelands of the Pueblo people. CH was founded in 1998 at the Native American Preparatory School (in New Mexico) initially serving Native students in the southwest and **today has grown to serve over 4,000 Indigenous students nation-wide** representing over 300 Tribal Nations, villages of Alaska and islands of Hawai'i. In addition, CH has provided professional development training to 1,000 college admission officers (from 100 colleges), high school counselors and Tribal educators.



The mission of College Horizons is to encourage and facilitate the higher education of Native American young people by providing college access, college retention, and pre-graduate programs. College Horizons was founded over 20 years ago because Native American students were not receiving sufficient and quality college advising, academic advising and financial aid counseling in their high schools resulting in Native students either being under-matched or not accessing 4-year degree programs at all.

Our goal is to:

1. **Increase the higher education of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian high school and college students** by providing pre-college (College Horizons) and pre-graduate (Graduate Horizons) admission/financial aid counseling programs and,
2. **Increase Native student well being and college completion rate** by providing a college success program for alumni (Scholars Program)

College Horizons was created to address the college attainment gap of Native students.

We want Native students to attend college as their full selves -
bring their culture, language, ancestors and Indigenous ways of knowing with them
because these are gifts, blessings and educational assets.



OUR STUDENT IMPACT

99% of College Horizons alumni graduate from high school, 95% matriculate directly to a 4-year institution with 5% to community college or Tribal College. According to third-party verification, **85% of our students graduate college within 4-6 years** and our students have graduated from 700 colleges/universities.

COLLEGE HORIZONS

#CH24 Student Profile

213

Total Participants

31%

of students are
First Generation



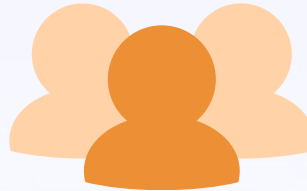
*College Pride,
Native Pride*

40%

of students reside or live
near their Tribal homelands



165 (69%) Juniors
73 (31%) Sophomores



158 (66%) Female
73 (31%) Male
7 (3%) Non-Binary

56 Native Nations Represented



165 American Indian students
62 Native Hawaiian students
7 Alaska Native students

136 High Schools Represented



92 Public Schools
39 Independent Schools
5 Tribal Schools

4,500

Alumni Served

2024 PROGRAM HOST SITES:

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA
June 22 - 28, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame, IN
July 13 - 19, 2024

2024
WORKSHOPS

OUR

IMPACT

College Horizons had another great year working with brilliant Native students! Here is what students are saying about our program:



This is truly one of the best programs I have ever attended. I felt like I was surrounded by family here at College Horizons. Being able to learn about the college experience and process with people like me was amazing. I usually get really home sick, but here I was comfortable and felt welcomed all the time. I am forever grateful for this experience. -J. Earl



DO THIS PROGRAM! I feel so much more prepared for college and ready to take on the long and complicated process of applying to colleges and applying for financial aid. It is a good test run and really lets you experience what college may be like. You also make close friends that can potentially last you lifetimes. - Z. Nabahe



This program was incredibly helpful to me. I was able to learn a lot of new information and get lots of work done for my future. I do feel I am more prepared than I would've been if I did not take this camp. Being around people with similar interests and goals for the future is so awesome! They also have THE BEST faculty members. COLLEGE PRIDE, NATIVE PRIDE!!! - S. Robinson



College Horizons is the perfect place to connect with your community, test the college experience, and strengthen your confidence in the college application process! I will look back on this week for years to come. -N. Deschene



COLLEGE PARTNERS & FACULTY IMPACT



College Horizons is designed to align with college access outreach initiatives of colleges and universities by offering pathway opportunities. Each of our partner institutions send an admission counselor to attend our 1-week program to engage with students about the college application and financial aid process, provide an information session, and participate in a college fair.

2024 FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

127

TOTAL
FACULTY

73

PARTNER
COLLEGES

98

COLLEGE
ADMISSION
COUNSELORS

17

VOLUNTEER
COUNSELORS

5

CH STAFF

6

CH ALUMNI
INTERNS

"Mentoring at College Horizons this year has been an incredibly rewarding experience. **I cherished the opportunity to connect with students in unique and meaningful ways,** discovering their individual stories and journeys. Each of my mentees holds a special place in my heart, and they have profoundly moved me in different ways. This unforgettable experience wouldn't have been possible without College Horizons and I am incredibly thankful." - CH'24 Faculty Member

"The best part of this program is always working with and mentoring the students. They are intelligent and have beautiful, in-depth stories. **It is a privilege to review their work and support them through the college application process.** In addition, the College Horizons staff's support through my staff difficulties was some of the most cared-for I have ever felt in a work environment." - CH'24 Faculty Member

"**I am honored and humbled by CH students,** their willingness to share their stories, and their ability to navigate/incorporate the feedback we provide. It's always a beautiful moment when they read their words for the last time after we've finalized the essays and they are so proud of what they've accomplished. It's something I look forward to doing again next year." - CH'24 Faculty Member

OUR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

HAVE INCLUDED...

Amherst College*

Barnard College
Bates College
Boston University
Bowdoin College*
Brown University*
Bryn Mawr College
California Institute of Technology
California Lutheran University
Carleton College*
Case Western Reserve University
Colby College
Colgate University
Colorado College
Colorado State University*
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College**
Dickinson College
Duke University*
Emory University*
Fort Lewis College
Franklin & Marshall College
Guilford College
Hanover College
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Harvard University**
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Indiana University Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College*
Lawrence University***
Lehigh University
Linfield University
Macalester College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Mount Holyoke College
New York University*
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Northland College
Northwestern University
Oberlin College*
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Princeton University*
Reed College
Rice University*
Santa Clara University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Seattle University
Smith College
St. Edward's University
St. John's College (Santa Fe)**
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Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis***
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Westmont College*
Whitman College****
Willamette University
Williams College
Yale University*

*Notes Previous Program Host Sites

2025 PROGRAM HOST SITES

HAWAII' PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Waimea, HI



[Program for Hawaii residents only]

YALE UNIVERSITY

New Haven, CT



NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Evanston, IL



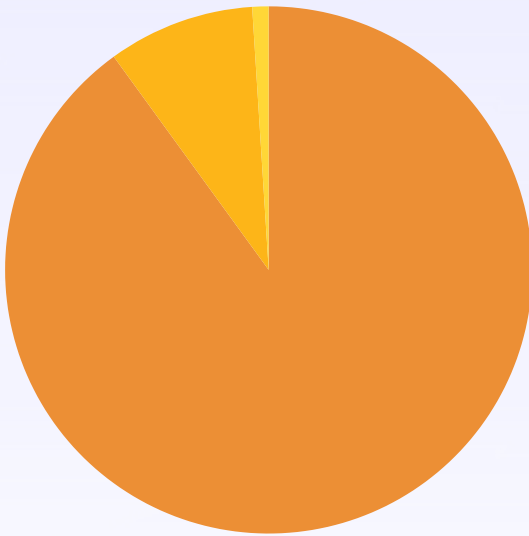
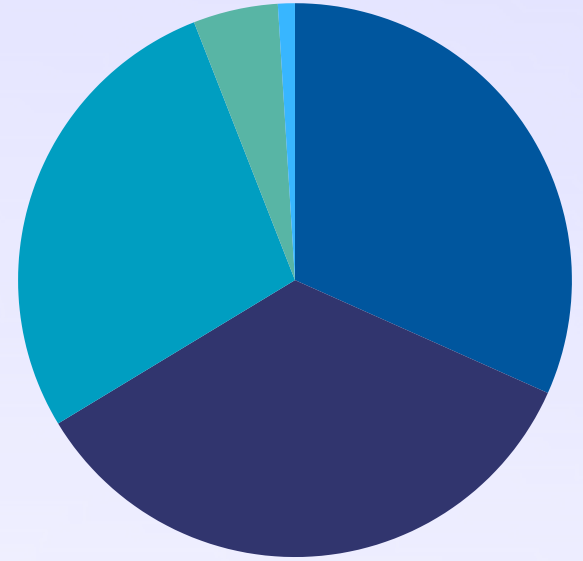
Northwestern
University

2025
WORKSHOPS

2023-2024 Financial Statements

Revenue & Support

In-Kind Revenues	\$488,740
College Partnerships	\$535,285
Grants & Sponsorship	\$426,063
Individual Donors	\$77,481
Interest	\$663
Total Revenue & Support	\$1,528,232



Expenses

Program Services	\$1,154,603
Management & General	\$120,934
Fundraising	\$21,119
Total Expenses	\$1,296,656

Student Support: \$69,004

Airfare assistance awarded to 106 students participating in our 2024 program

The only direct cost for students/families to participate in College Horizons summer programs is the cost of airfare. CH provides need-based financial assistance to eligible students.



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Our 2024 News Features



11/22/24- **Native American Calling Show**, "[Checking in on the New Admission Reality](#)" with Mikaela Crank, Scholars Program Director for College Horizons



07/13/24- **The Dallas Morning News**, "[College Horizons is Vital](#)"



07/16/24- **Penn Almanac**, "[Penn Hosts 2024 College Horizons Program for Native American, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native High School Students.](#)"



07/21/24- **Santa Fe New Mexican**, "[Aiding College Success](#)"

07/22/24- **The Daily Pennsylvanian**, "[Penn Hosts College Horizons Preparatory Program to Support Native American High School Students](#)", by Tanisha Agrawal.



Video Highlights

08/14/24- **Notre Dame Admissions**, "[2024 College Horizons Recap](#)"



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Joyce E. Smith Excellence in Post Secondary Access Award



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